GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3186
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AIR FIELD SAFETY IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR SECTOR
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Commercial Pilots Association has refused to fly on the Jammu-Srinagar sector w.e.f. January, 2001;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the extent to which Indian Airlines flights on Jammu-Srinagar sector affected as a result thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to ensure the safety of the air fields at Jammu and Srinagar?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a),(b) and (c): The Indian Commercial Pilots Association(ICPA) has issued a directive to its membersnot to operate to Jammu and Srinagar w.e.f. 26.1.2001, unless they are provided with safe operating environment and the airfields meet the basic criteria for Jet operations. Meeting were held with ICPA and ithas now withdrawn its directive on 19.2.2001. During the period, Indian Airlines scheduled flight to Jammu and Srinagar airports were being operated by the Executive Pilots of the Airlines.

(d): The navigation/landings aids available at Jammu and Srinagar, including sterilisation of approach funnel, are sufficient for safe operation of flights.